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A

FRIEND to the LIBERTY of MANKIND,

DESIROUS THAT THE

THIRTEEN STATES of NORTH AMERICA

Should have Medals ſtruck in honour of their Heroes, with a reſpectable, and uſeful Copper Coin to circulate amongſt them; addreſſed, in October 1782, the following verſes to Congreſs, which owing to the neglect of the Perſon to whom they where entruſted, were never received.

" THE Medal faithful to its charge of Fame,
Thro' climes, and ages bears each form, and name:
In one ſhort view ſubjected to our eye,
Gods, Emp'rors, Sages, Patriots lie,
COLUMBIA, ever conſcious of her claim,
Stands emulous of more than Roman fame.
In living Medals ſee her ſons enrol'd,
And diſtant Realms ſupply recording gold.
Here—riſing to the view the Patriot's face;
And there the Soldier in hiſtor[redacted]raſs!" *
That after Ages with delight may learn
How freemens' hearts with honeſt zeal can burn:
As honour is their due—tranſmit their claim,
And on the laſting metal ſtamp each name.

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* The above introductory lines are taken, nearly literal from Pope's verſes prefixed to Mr. Addiſon's Dialogues on ancient Medals, Vol. 3. Edition 1726.

Give *Waſhington* the ſword, and *Pain* the pen,
And *Laurens* ſuffering in the Tyrant's den.
Laurens —— whoſe virtue's claim from all reſpect,
Lay, ſcorned with meanneſs, and with proud neglect;
His friends denied, nor pen, and ink allow'd,
Till, like a thunderſtroke, amidſt the croud,
Bright VICTORY, from the Virginian ſhore,
Proclaim'd—*The Britiſh Army is no more!*
Thus—from a Priſon was the Father freed,
Aſſiſted by the Son's heroic deed,
On other coins the virtues we ſhall ſee
Of *Warren*, *Worſter*, and *Montgomory*.
With the brave *Lincoln*, and of *Clinton* tell,
How truly noble *Naſh* and *Mercer* fell!
Nor ſkillful *Motte* forget, nor brave *Hugé*—
Nor *Hayne* the murder'd, nor the fair *M'Cree!*
Shall *Huddey* die! and ARNOLD ſtill have breath!
He ſhall—and daily view terrific death:
For ever by the pricks of Conſcience troubled;
And ev'ry hour that pungent trouble doubled!
To treach'rous Gall'way ſure ſome Fame is due—
His praiſes *Satan* I muſt leave to you;
In Panygric thou ſhouldſt hold him forth,
As beſt acquainted with his heart-felt worth.

BUT why miſpend my time? Leave them to fate,
(Such weeds as thoſe ſhoot up in ev'ry ſtate)
And turn to Men, tho' not of noble birth,
Enobled by their own intrinſic worth.
WISDOM ſent *Franklin*, *Adams*, and [redacted] *Jay*
To foreign Courts, where reaſon pav'd the way;
Without, or Gold to tempt, or Pow'r to buy;
Each with fair Commerce gain'd a great Ally.
Pardon digreſſion! Politics I mean,
For ſtill more worthies of the field are ſeen;
Marion, *Putnam*, *La Fayette*, and *Green*.
Sumpter, with *Moultrie* cannot be forgot,
Nor *Rutherford*, and *M'Intoſh* the Scot.

Come

Come generous *Hancock* ornament my ſtrain,
With honeſt *Gaddeſden*, *Rutledge*, *Morgan*, *Wayne*.
Heroes and Stateſmen ſee, the brave, the wiſe,
Like the bold "Alps, o'er other Alps ariſe!"
Here merit crowds ſo faſt upon my pen,
While Fields are crimſon'd with the beſt of Men.
Nor can each Hero now be named apart;
Nor all who ſuffer'd war's chaſtizing ſmart;
Or hear'd *Columbia* with oppreſſion groan
Beneath a guilt—O Britain! not her own—
Here reſt my pen—(a dawn of peace I've ſeen)
We'll draw the Curtain o'er the painful Scene.
But firſt my Muſe reſpectfully declare
The noble efforts of the gentle Fair;
Their Zeal, in Freedom's cauſe, moſt tender ſhone,
And, weeping, made their country's cauſe their own.
* Dwelt, with diſeaſe, and ſhar'd their huſband's fate;
Prov'd *for better, or worſe*, the married ſtate:
Thoſe tender comforts of the heart—link'd chain,
Lighten'd each fetter—ſhorten'd ev'ry pain.
Pardon fair Carolines th' omiſſion of your Names?
In lieu accept ZENOBIA's daughters†—DAMES?‡

YE *noble Senators*, who firſt ſtood forth,
Excuſe th' attempt to portrait ſo much worth!
'Twas ye, in *Congreſs*, ventur'd to declare
The rights of Freemen all *Freemen* ſhould ſhare;
And boldly INDEPENDENCY proclaimed
To preſent, and to States as yet un-named.

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* The Ladies of South Carolina made themſelves voluntary priſoners with their huſbands on board the priſon ſhips.

† *Zenobia* was a couragious, handſome, chaſte, and prudent Princeſs, and by her courage made her huſband *Onedatus* Maſter of the Eaſt: ſhe was full of clemency, but inflexible to Tyrants.

‡ DAME was in England formerly a moſt reſpectable appellation, when Virtue and noble qualities were in Eſtimation there.

To honours, juſtly due, ye've ample claim,
We'll on ſome faithful Metal fix each Name.
Hiſtoric aid by Pennies may deſcend ;
Pence teach your ſons their Country to defend
From foreign foes ; then ſtamp upon the mind,
Our greateſt dangers of domeſtic kind :
Each teach his Children o'er their pence to prate
OUR JEALOUSY'S THE SAFETY OF THE STATE !
With patriot Zeal their little hearts inſpire ;
With virtuous deeds ſet all their ſouls on fire :
To wholeſome laws let their ſubmiſſion bend ;
Teach them thoſe laws by valour to defend :
When each man's property ſhall be *his own*,
And Peace with Plenty your paſt labours crown :
Your glorious Acts will thus be handed down,
While Age to Age ſhall Echo your renown !

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